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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council
FROM: National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs
SUBJECT: DIA Challenge to CIA Costing Methodology

1. I am concerned that a new problem is opening up in the Intelligence Community--a DIA challenge to the CIA costing methodology. The source of this DIA story is [] who recently joined DIA; in the past, he had a vendetta against CIA regarding costing. He may be taking advantage of his position at DIA to carry on his battle.

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2. I understand that CIA is in the process of reviewing the cost methodology. I have no love for this stuff, and I do not feel a need to protest the methodology, however, I feel that little good, and probably some harm, will come from a battle on costing at this time. I understand that the DIA analysts are proposing to put this story on the ABM IIM, and all future NIC products where costs are shown. I do believe that the DIA leadership is not yet aware of this, but that they will be asked to go along. I recommend that we head this off, by getting to [] and Williams.

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ATTACHMENT

Attached is the text of a proposed DIA dissenting position on the cost estimates of postulated Soviet ABM deployments in the Summary and Key Judgments of the IIM "Soviet Ballistic Missile Defense." At my request, the revisions and deletions in the original text were made by the DIA representative on the IIM to make the position more responsive to the substance and scope of the main text. The main text that we are proposing is also attached. (Some of the ABM cost numbers will be slightly revised.)

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